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19. (New) A tensioner for a traction drive, comprising:
a housing having an interior space;
a swivel arm, mounted on an axle which is guided by an inner housing wall, for supporting a rotatable tension roller interacting with the traction drive;
a torsion spring disposed in the interior space between the housing and the swivel arm for loading the swivel arm to seek an end position;
a friction disk connected to the swivel arm and urged in forced engagement with the housing for realizing a damped adjusting movement; and
at least one elastic insert received in the interior space between the torsion spring and a confronting surface of the inner housing wall and extending over an axial partial length of the torsion spring.
20. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert is placed between an inside area of the torsion spring and the inner housing wall.
21. (New) The tensioner of claim 20, and further comprising a second said insert placed in the interior space between an outside of the torsion spring and a confronting surface of an outer housing wall.
22. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an inner diameter which is smaller than an outer diameter of the inner housing wall.

23. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an outer diameter is greater than an inner diameter of the torsion spring.

24. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an inner diameter which is smaller than an outer diameter of the torsion spring.

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25. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has a tubular configuration.

26. (New) The tensioner of claim 25, wherein the insert, when viewed in half-section, has a U-shaped profile with walls substantially in parallel relationship.

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27. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein the walls of the insert have different lengths.

28. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein one of the walls of the insert rests against the torsion spring and is provided with at least one elongate slot.

29. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein one of the walls of the insert is shorter and circumscribes an outer surface area of the inner housing wall.

30. (New) The tensioner of claim 26, wherein one of the walls of the insert rests in a mid-section against the torsion spring.

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31. (New) The tensioner of claim 20, wherein the insert has a calotte-shaped outer contour and defines an equatorial plane resting against the inside area of the torsion spring.

32. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert has an axial length which at least corresponds to a distance of three windings of the torsions spring.

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33. (New) The tensioner of claim 21, wherein the second insert is received in an inner ring groove of the outer housing wall.

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34. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert is non-detachable fixed to the inner housing wall.

35. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert is glued to the inner housing wall.

36. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert is made of plastic.

37. (New) The tensioner of claim 19, wherein the insert is made of PU-foam.